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The U-2 Affair: Red Boss Drops His Bomb; U.S. Strategy Falters.

'What Is This, May Day Greetings?' Khrushcow Asks U.S. Envoy as 1300 Delegates Look On at Kremlin.

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This is the sixth installment of a condensation of the book "The U-2 Affair" which tells the story behind American espionage flights over the Soviet Union.

Chapter VI.

TAKING THE MINNOW

IT WAS the lifth of May. In the Great Hell of the great Kremlin Palace, the 1300 delegates to the Supreme Soviet were already in their benches.

The diplomatic corps had an Washington bureau. Hagerty the right wall. Scated in one of them, Ambassador Thompson been placed in a choice position, a front box, to which he was not entitled by protocol. There was, Thompson reflected, some- NSC meeting and told Goodthing funny about it. At 10 a.m., Khrushchev mounted the rostrum, put on his gold-rimmed glasses and launched into a marathon speech.

IT WAS TOWARD the very end that Khrushchev dropped the bombshell.

day, he declared, "at 5:36 a.m., robbs next door. Gathered here. Moscow time, an American wars six of the most powerful to use minnows as hait, he plane crossed our border and mile in America: continued its flight into Soviet territory. . . The plane was strong State, shot down."

Khrushchev looked up at the in Defense. box where Thompson sat, croff asked: What is this, May deking

In the rear of the Great Kail. western reporters rushed ich the teléphones.

It was just after dres in

At 7 a.m., all merit kes of the Shanowy would be the National Security desired, the President attended it but left president attended it but left the shanowy would be the national state of the president attended it but left the shanowy would be the national state of the national state National Security Journals 1913 President attended it but left top strategy bear of light United States government July helicopter 11 July 10 June excepter 11 July 10 June excepter 12 July 10 June excepte to the first land to desh to make the helicopter back to the White House with the the Constitution of the state o pris : Minden milli himored headonares of 12 halfs all in the mountains near Warrington.

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> Higerry, who Friday History, who

excellent view from boxes along told the press association he was not aware that an American had an uneasy feeling. He had side the Soviet Union; he had plane had been shot down innot heard about Khrushchev's speech.

Hagerty placed a call to the paster (Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster. White House Staff cision. With his white mustache. Secretary) he would await instructions from the President.

room of the Civil Defense headquarters had ended, and a select. few of the 16 officials who had and basz-fashing. Early on the morning of May attended it moved into a smaller:

Douglas Dillon, acting Secre-

Thomas Gates, the Secretary

Allen Dulles, for seven years hw director of the CIA.

Gordon Gray, special assistant to the President for national socurity.

Gen. Goodpaster, the President's right arm and his link with the Pentagon and the

to the White House with the

During the short meeting in-

Iside the little room in the mountainside, Dillon and most of the others felt that a statement would have to be made.

THE CONSENSUS was that there could be no turning back, no admission of espionage. The decision was reached to keep on telling the cover story; all statements would be made by the State Department.

Dulles concurred in this dewhite hair, and rimless glasses, he looked more the part of a The NSC meeting in the war grandfather than an espionage chief. His two favorite forms of relaxation were pipe-smoking

The CIA director regarded base (shing as an art. You had

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